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May 30, 2003

Mr. Bruce Limlaw  
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RE: Limlaw Pulpwood - Sites Management Section Completed request  
West Topsham, Vermont  
SMS Site # 99-2696

Dear Mr. Limlaw:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the information provided by your consultants, DuBois & King, Inc. (Engineers and Surveyors) dated August 15, 2002. The SMS has also reviewed the information contained in the site file.

With this information, the SMS can make a determination that:

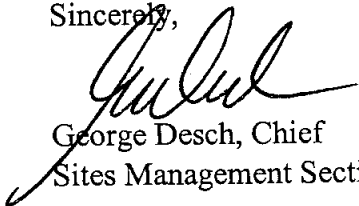
- ☐ An 8,600 gallon Diesel Underground Storage Tank was removed from the site during October of 1999. At that time the tank held approximately 30 gallons of tank bottoms. The site report files indicate that the tank was in good condition. Soils surrounding the tank were contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons. Excavated soils were backfilled.
- ☐ Limlaw Pulpwood contracted DuBois & King to perform a site investigation and risk evaluation. Analysis of the drinking water supply and two rounds of monitoring well analysis were performed. The drinking water well showed no indication of volatile contamination.
- ☐ A first round of sampling of the monitoring wells at the site (August 2000) indicated that BMW-2 had a concentration of Benzene of 8.7 ug/l, above the 5 ug/l VT groundwater enforcement standard.
- ☐ A second effort installed and sampled new monitoring wells (performed in July of 2001) indicated no detectable concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbon contaminants. A second round of sampling was established to monitor the evolution of the situation.
- ☐ A final round of groundwater sampling was conducted during July 2002. These samples

indicated no presence of petroleum hydrocarbons. At that time, a drinking water sample indicated no organic chemical contamination.

- ☐ A report from the DuBois & King dated August 15, 2002 recommends that the site be considered for Sites Management Activity Completed status. The consultant suggested that the risk of potential migration from the former UST location is minimal.
- ☐ A May 28, 2003 letter from DuBois & King indicates that four of the five existing monitoring wells have been closed, as requested by VTDEC. A fifth well was not found.
- ☐ VTDEC concludes that there is no proof of significant threat to human health or the environment resulting from this release.

Based on the above, SMS concurs with DuBois & King's recommendation and is assigning this site a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. This SMAC designation does not release you of any past or future liability associated with the petroleum contamination remaining at the site. It does, however, mean that the SMS is not requesting any additional work, for this incident, at this time. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (802)-241-3888.

Sincerely,



George Desch, Chief  
Sites Management Section

cc: West Topsham, Selectboard  
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